

LABORATORY FLEXIBLE FUNDING MODEL (LFFM) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT PROGRAM

Program Description

- Strengthen FDA's efforts to prevent foodborne illness and minimize foodborne exposures.
- Enhance the capacity and capabilities of state human and animal food testing laboratories in support of an integrated food safety system.
- Utilize sample testing to assist the FDA and our regulatory partners prevent contaminated product from reaching consumers.
- Equip our partner laboratories with additional resources that can be employed to build and increase sample throughput capacity within their state.

Intended Outcomes

- Improve human and animal food testing surveillance programs.
- Enhance the network capacity of state laboratories by using sample testing in the areas of microbiology, chemistry, and radiochemistry, and the development of special projects.
- Expand the national capacity in scientific technology and other areas of interest.
- Accelerate foodborne illness outbreak investigations and reduce foodborne illnesses and deaths.
- Utilize sample data generated by these laboratories to remove adulterated food from commerce and aide regulatory programs in conducting inspections.
- Develop methods for early identification of emerging issues, monitoring and evaluation for future sampling initiatives.

Program Metrics

- Current program funding: \$23.2M
- Current number of awards: 55
- LFFM CAP Awardees (FY2023)
 - Alaska
 - Arizona
 - Arkansas
 - California*
 - Colorado*
 - Connecticut
 - Florida*
 - Georgia
 - Hawaii
 - Iowa*
 - Illinois
 - Indiana*
 - Kansas
 - Kentucky
 - Louisiana
 - Massachusetts
 - Maryland
 - Michigan*
 - Minnesota*
 - Missouri
 - Mississippi
 - North Carolina*
 - Nebraska
 - New Hampshire
 - New Jersey*
 - New Mexico
 - Nevada
 - New York*
 - Ohio
 - Pennsylvania*
 - Rhode Island
 - South Carolina
 - South Dakota
 - Tennessee
 - Texas*
 - Virginia
 - Vermont
 - Washington*
 - Wisconsin*
 - West Virginia

*Denotes states with two or more agencies with LFFM Cooperative Agreements